

# *Coin Board News*

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We start out this time with a couple of new discoveries. First is the identification of a new variety of Whitman coin board for Standing Liberty Quarter. In the Second Edition this titled continued into the Washington series, and the new variety fits between W25¢C2c and W25¢C2d. As listed in my book, the latter has an extra row of openings to accommodate dates through 1938. It turns out that this extra row was added even earlier, with dates through 1937 (one opening only) and mintages through 1936. So, the existing entry W25¢C2c is now labeled W25¢C2c.1, while the new discovery is labeled W25¢C2c.2. This nomenclature is less than ideal, but new discoveries are inevitable whenever an area of collectibles is cataloged for the first time, as it was with my book.

The second discovery answers an important question: Why did the Gramercy Stamp Company boards include so little numismatic information when other brands were often cluttered with it? In my book I speculated that these boards (the only known titles are for Eagle-Indian Cents and Lincoln Cents) were included within a boxed coin collecting kit, rather than being sold as stand-alone items. While researching my book I had discovered within the copyright ledgers an entry for the “Pennyhobby Coin Collecting Outfit No. 103.” Though this boxed set has yet to turn up, the handbook that came with it was purchased by me as part of a lot that included several other items of little interest. I ended up paying more than \$40 just to get this four-page booklet, as it confirmed my original supposition. The inside pages of this booklet describe the contents of the coin collecting kit, while its back page lists the average prices dealers would pay at the time for Eagle, Indian and Lincoln Cents. This sort of information typically is found on coin boards, but its inclusion on a separate instruction guide explains the minimal text seen on the actual Gramercy boards. On the front of the booklet is a nice illustration of the box art, which includes several vignettes repeated on the boards. This cover is included with this newsletter as an attachment.

A number of people have asked me about the materials I use to store my own coin boards and about the polyethylene sleeves in which I ship them to customers. I get all of my supplies from BagsUnlimited.com. The sleeves I use are item number SEM2, and I store my own collection in the ring binders illustrated on page 20 of my book, item number AB3RLM28K. The binders come in three colors, and the number provided here is for the black model. For those of you who don't have internet service, Bags Unlimited can be reached at 1-800-767-BAGS. I have no connection to this company whatsoever, and I'm providing this information solely as a courtesy.

I've prepared a list of Errata and Addenda for my book to bring everyone up to date on the various corrections and additions made since it was published last year. Please let me know if I've missed any errors. This sheet is included with this newsletter, along with an updated value guide. The latter features a number of advances which reflect the rarity of high-grade boards in most series, as well as the difficulty in locating certain boards in any grade. Just as with coins, items which were common when my book was published remain so, while the rare pieces have only become more difficult to find.

Internet auctions have included very few boards this fall, and those few have been either common titles or items of mediocre condition. I've tried to buck this trend with my own postings, but then I always save the best material for my mailing list customers. A new price list 107 is attached. It features a number of nice items, including some rare Kent boards, as well as some lesser priced pieces for beginners. This will be the last opportunity to buy boards at the original book values before I start using the updated ones.

Please note my new mailing address.

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# PRICES PAID BY DEALERS

## INDIAN HEAD PENNIES FLYING EAGLE

Date	Mint Mark	Very Good	to Fine
1856	Flying Eagle	\$2.50	\$16.25
1857		.05	.12
1858	(2)	.05	.20
1859	Indian Head	.03	.08
1860		.03	.08
1861		.08	.30
1862		.02	.05
1863		.02	.05
1864	Copper Nickel	.06	.12
1864	Bronze	.08	.20
1864	L on Ribbon	.40	1.35
1865		.05	.10
1866		.10	.35
1867		.10	.35
1868		.08	.30
1869		.08	.35
1870		.12	.35
1871		.17	.60
1872		.20	.85
1873		.05	.10
1874		.05	.10
1875		.05	.10
1876		.05	.10
1877		.35	1.00
1878		.05	.12
1879		.04	.10
1880		.04	.10
1881		.04	.10
1882		.03	.10
1883		.03	.10
1884		.03	.10
1885		.05	.12
1886		.03	.10
1887		.02	.05
1888		.03	.10
1889		.03	.05
1890		.03	.05
1891		.03	.05
1892		.03	.05
1893		.02	.03
1894		.02	.04
1895		.02	.03
1896		.02	.03
1897		.02	.03
1898		.03	.15
1899		.02	.03
1900		.02	.03
1901		.02	.03
1902		.02	.03
1903		.02	.03
1904		.02	.03
1905		.02	.03
1906		.02	.03
1907		.02	.03
1908		.03	.04
1908S		.08	.17
1909		.04	.07
1909S		.30	.80

## LINCOLN HEAD PENNIES

Date Mint Mark Very Good to Fine

1909		.02	.03
1909VDB		.03	.05
1909S		.15	.25
1909SVDB		.30	.75
1910		.02	.03
1910S		.04	.07
1911		.02	.03
1911D		.05	.15
1911S		.02	.03
1912		.02	.03
1912D		.10	.25
1912S		.04	.08
1913		.02	.05
1913D		.05	.10
1913S		.05	.10
1914		.02	.10
1914D		.08	.50
1914S		.05	.20
1915		.05	.10
1915D		.05	.10
1915S		.04	.11
1916		.02	.03
1916D		.02	.03
1916S		.02	.03
1919S		.02	.03
1921S		.01	.02
1922D		.05	.09
1923S		.03	.05
1924D		.04	.10
1924S		.02	.03
1926S		.02	.03
1931		.02	.03
1931D		.03	.10
1931S		.04	.09
1932		.02	.03
1932D		.02	.03

The dates omitted from the above lists are very common values and are worth their face value only.



## FOREWORD

The Pennyhobby Coin Collecting Outfit is designed to modernize the age old hobby of United States penny collecting. There is something fascinating about searching through ordinary pocket change to fill in the blank spaces of the Indian and Lincoln Head boards. In your every day trading you may come across a rare Indian or Lincoln Head penny. Enjoy the thrill in collecting a complete set of Indian and Lincoln Head pennies. All the pennies represented on the two coin cards are in circulation or available. These convenient coin cards introduce an interesting, fascinating, and educational hobby.

### INDIAN HEAD BOARDS

(1856-1909) This board provides spaces for the complete Indian Head Penny Collection and the Flying Eagle type. The actual coinage appears beneath each opening. The initial S on the 1908 and 1909 pennies indicates that they were minted in San Francisco. All other pennies on this board were minted in Philadelphia.

### LINCOLN HEAD BOARDS

(From 1909) All of the Lincoln Head Pennies from 1909 to the present are represented on this board. The letters S and D on the pennies indicate that they were minted in San Francisco and Denver respectively. All other pennies were minted in Philadelphia.

### SOUVENIR COINS

Two complete sets of souvenir Indian Head (59 pieces) and Lincoln Head (96 pieces) cardboard Play Coins showing the entire series of dates that you need to complete the cards. We suggest that you first fill your two boards with these souvenirs for guidance and as you obtain the actual pennies replace them. Do not insert the souvenirs too tightly since they have to be replaced.

### CHECK LIST

Collectors will appreciate this handy Check List of all the Indian and Lincoln Head pennies minted listed in numerical order. Check List enables the collector, by simply encircling the dates, to know exactly at all times just what coins are needed to complete his collection.

### COIN HOLDER

This coin holder is invaluable for retaining the desired pennies collected during the day or the more valuable duplicate pennies for exchanging with friends. Also a splendid way to display some of your prize coins.

### MAGNIFYING GLASS and PENCIL

Important in detecting the correct dates, mint marks, rarities on pennies. Made of unbreakable "Transplastic" (not glass). Use handy pencil for check list.

### COIN POCKET WALLET

A sturdy, convenient, modern pocket wallet made especially for Pennyhobby coin collecting. It is advisable to always keep Coin Holder, Check List, Magnifying Glass and Pencil in Pocket Wallet.

### INDIAN HEAD and FLYING EAGLE SMALL CENTS

The Flying Eagle type (1856-1858) included on our board were the first small cents minted, to be followed in 1859 by the first INDIAN HEAD cents of the same size. Those cents from 1856-1864 (Flying Eagle and Indian Head) are made of copper nickel and are about twice the thickness of the small cents of to-day. The 12% nickel gives them a whitish appearance. The regular coinage of Indian Head cents from 1864 to 1909 are made of bronze. The 1856 Flying Eagle issue was a trial coin and was not placed in regular circulation.

J. B. Longacre designed the Indian Head Penny and the initial L appears on hair ribbon on the coin of 1864.

There were approximately 1,849,321,000 Indian Head and 42,050,000 Flying Eagle Pennies minted.

### LINCOLN HEAD PENNIES

The Lincoln Head cent was designed by Victor D. Brenner and first minted in 1909. This issue was authorized to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Lincoln. The initials of the designer V.D.B. appear on some of the pennies of 1909 on the reverse of the coin. There have been over 5,700,000,000 Lincoln pennies minted since 1909, a total larger than any other United States coin. These coins are struck in bronze.

### MINT MARKS

Mint marks are the small letters on coins denoting the place where struck. There are now three Mints in operation, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Denver. Coins made in Philadelphia have no mint mark, the initial S stands for San Francisco mint, and the initial D stands for Denver mint.

On pennies these mint marks are found as follows:

INDIAN HEADS: On reverse side underneath center of wreath.  
LINCOLN HEADS: Under the date.

### CONDITION

The value of your penny collections depends upon the condition and rarity of your cents. You must be able to read the date and detail of a coin. Marred, nicked, smooth-worn, coins are not wanted. The rarity of a penny depends upon the number of pieces issued and the demand for same. Never clean a coin, leave it alone, you may scrub away much of its value. The coin collecting terms in use for denoting the condition of a coin are as follows:

**PROOF**—Especially struck at the Philadelphia mint only, from polished blanks and dies and finished by hand, which gives them a mirror-like, smooth surface. Not issued for circulation, but for collector and exhibition purposes. The mint makes a small charge for proof coins and may be only had at the year of issue.

**UNCIRCULATED**—Bright and new, just as they come from the mint, no scratches, dents, nor signs of wear.

**EXTRA FINE**—Apparently as good as uncirculated, but careful examination will show very slight signs of wear.

**VERY FINE**—The signs of wear are somewhat more noticeable, but the coin is still in splendid condition.

**FINE**—Well circulated, every feature stands out strong, no dents or scratches.

**VERY GOOD**—The signs of wear are easily noticeable, but every part of the coin is plain.

**GOOD**—The coin shows that it has been well circulated, but the date and lettering are still easily read.

**FAIR**—Considerably worn, but still able to identify.

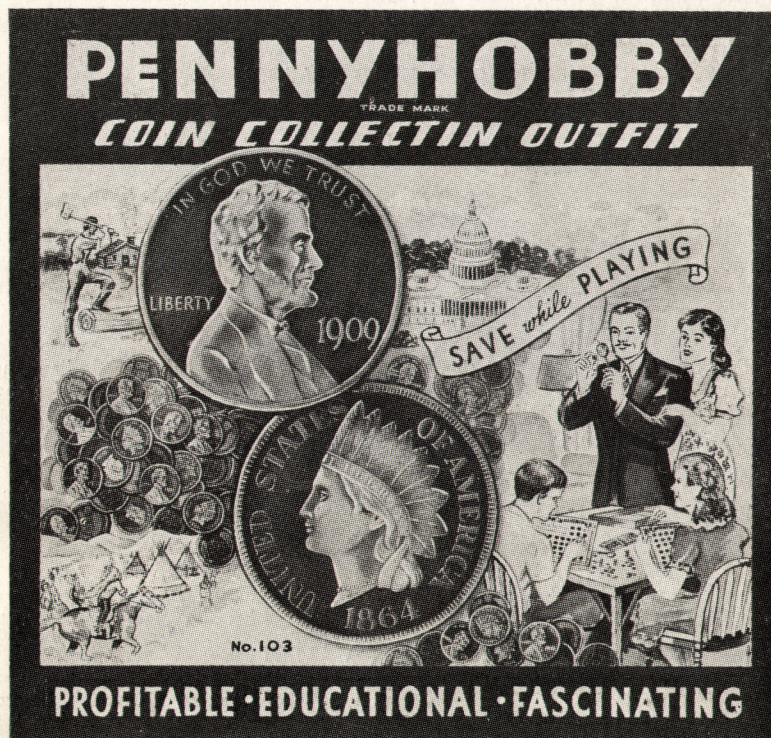
**POOR**—Very much worn, quite smooth, illegible.

### PRICES PAID BY COIN DEALERS

Everyone is interested in knowing the estimated worth of pennies. The following list indicates accurate values of every penny as represented by the average prices usually paid by U. S. coin dealers. There are two columns of prices each controlled by the condition of the coin. However don't take it for granted that a dealer will buy your coins at all times. Every dealer is occasionally overstocked with certain coins and does not care therefore to purchase same at the time they are offered. The makers of Pennyhobby are not in the coin business. So please do not address inquiries regarding coins to us. We do not buy or sell pennies. Consult your local business directory for the names and addresses of coin dealers.



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